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Counter-Terrorism Committee Follow-up Action Plan

Formalizing contacts with international, regional and subregional organizations

1. The Counter-Terrorism Committee will seek to formalize and deepen its contacts with the relevant international, regional and subregional organizations, listed in the annex to this note.

Improving the flow of information

2. The Counter-Terrorism Committee will:

(a) Deepen the exchange of information on the matters covered by resolution 1373 (2001), with and among relevant international, regional and subregional organizations and States;

(b) Further develop its web site, a key communication tool;

(c) Further develop its Directory of Contact Points, to include the details of individuals/offices in all States, international, regional and subregional organizations;

(d) Pursue and promote other initiatives aimed at improving the flow of information, including those outlined below.

International best practices, codes and standards

3. The Counter-Terrorism Committee will:

(a) Make information easily available on international best practices, codes and standards relevant to the implementation of resolution 1373 (2001), and encourage the continuing exchange of information between all relevant bodies on such matters;

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(b) Bear in mind international best practices, codes and standards in the field of counter-terrorism relevant to the implementation of resolution 1373 (2001);

(c) Facilitate the exchange of information on States' implementation of international best practices, codes and standards relevant to the implementation of resolution 1373 (2001).

4. The Counter-Terrorism Committee will undertake the following action in this regard:

(a) The Committee will, by 31 May 2003, create on its web site an "International Best Practices, Codes and Standards" section, and invite international, regional and subregional organizations to submit relevant information and/or links;

(b) The Committee will encourage all international, regional and subregional organizations to promote the wider implementation of best practices, codes and standards within their purview, and develop guidance "implementation kits" and assistance programmes to help their member States and other interested States to implement such best practices, codes and standards. The Committee will encourage the development of information packs to facilitate accession to the 12 international conventions and protocols relating to terrorism;

(c) The Committee and its experts will bear in mind international best practices, codes and standards relevant to the implementation of resolution 1373 (2001) when preparing and finalizing outgoing letters to States. In this regard, the Committee will include in outgoing letters as appropriate an invitation to States:

(i) To let the Committee know, as a matter of information, the details of any efforts to implement international best practices, codes and standards which are relevant to the implementation of resolution 1373 (2001);

(ii) To submit, on a voluntary basis, as part of their reporting to the Committee, any relevant reports or questionnaires submitted to an organization with which the Counter-Terrorism Committee has formal contacts and which is involved in monitoring international codes and standards, and to share with the Committee the findings or conclusions reached by such organizations;

(d) The Committee will seek to further its transparent approach, improve the flow of information to other organizations and reduce the reporting burden on States, for instance by encouraging every State to allow the Counter-Terrorism Committee to include on its web site the Committee's outgoing letters to the State concerned;

(e) The Committee will encourage international, regional and subregional organizations to share information on monitoring. The Committee will, through its experts, by 31 May 2003, contact every organization involved in monitoring international best practices, codes and standards to explore avenues of cooperation and information exchange;

(f) The Committee will remain aware of the interaction between its activities and human rights concerns, and of the need for respect for the rule of law and human rights obligations.

The role of regional and subregional organizations in the field of counter-terrorism

5. The Counter-Terrorism Committee will:

(a) Maintain a directory of contact points to facilitate international cooperation on counter-terrorism matters, and encourage all regional and subregional organizations, as well as international organizations, to develop their own list of contact points to facilitate information flow within their region and with other regions and subregions;

(b) Improve the flow of information on the activities of regional and subregional organizations by creating a "Regional Action" section of the Counter-Terrorism Committee's web site;

(c) Encourage regional and subregional organizations to step up their action on counter-terrorism, consistent with their mandates, and develop and share action plans for 2003/2004.

6. The Counter-Terrorism Committee will take the following action in this regard:

(a) The Committee will maintain an up-to-date directory of contact points in all international, regional and subregional organizations that are a focal point within each organization on matters related to counter-terrorism;

(b) The Committee will, by 31 May 2003, create a "Regional Action" area of its web site to include information on the activities of regional and subregional organizations, and copies of any action plans developed. It will liaise with the Organization of American States on the conference it has proposed to host to help regional and subregional organizations to further define their roles;

(c) The Committee will encourage regional and subregional organizations to develop institutional machinery devoted to countering terrorism, including building counter-terrorism policies into their priorities for work on security and development, and procedures for capturing and disseminating to member States information on best practices, codes and standards;

(d) The Committee will encourage regional and subregional organizations to develop an awareness of their members' implementation of resolution 1373 (2001) and other relevant international best practices, codes and standards and needs for further assistance, and communicate such information to the Committee and potential assistance providers.

Facilitating the provision of assistance

7. The Counter-Terrorism Committee will:

(a) Develop and maintain the Directory of Counter-Terrorism Information and Sources of Assistance to ensure that it is an up-to-date, comprehensive resource to assist States in improving their capacity against terrorism;

(b) Develop and maintain the Matrix of Needs to ensure that it includes comprehensive information on each State's assistance needs (if any) and indicates the relative priorities for each State's requests;

(c) Ensure that every reasonable assistance request is met during 2003/2004.

8. The Counter-Terrorism Committee will take the following action in this regard:

(a) Encourage assistance providers to incorporate in wider capacity-building assistance programmes a focus on building counter-terrorism capacity, to give training a higher priority, and to ensure that all programmes are timely and results-focused. The Committee will explore what further instruments are needed in this area;

(b) Encourage all States, international, regional and subregional organizations to submit regularly information to the Counter-Terrorism Committee's Directory of Counter-Terrorism Information and Sources of Assistance, an online one-stop shop for those looking for details of assistance programmes, self-help packages and guidance;

(c) The Committee, with advice from its group of experts, will maintain an updated, comprehensive prioritized Matrix of Needs and will:

(i) Circulate it to all international, regional and subregional organizations, and to States which request a copy, on the first day of each month;

(ii) Invite all such organizations and States to ensure that the Matrix remains up to date by submitting relevant new information to the Committee's expert team by the 15th of each month.

Annex

List of international, regional and subregional organizations with which the Counter-Terrorism Committee will deepen contacts

I. Intergovernmental organizations having received a standing invitation to participate as observers in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly and/or maintaining permanent offices at Headquarters

African Union

African Development Bank

Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization

Asian Development Bank

Caribbean Community

Commonwealth Secretariat

Commonwealth of Independent States

- Anti-Terrorist Centre
- Executive Committee

Council of Europe

- Moneyval Committee

European Union

- Presidency of the European Union
- European Commission

Inter-American Development Bank

Inter-Parliamentary Union

Interpol

International Organization for Migration

International Organization of la Francophonie

League of Arab States

Organization of the Islamic Conference

Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe

Organization of American States

- Inter-American Committee against Terrorism

Pacific Islands Forum

II. Other relevant organizations and bodies

Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation

Association of South-East Asian Nations

Bank of International Settlements

– Basel Committee on Banking Supervision

Caribbean Development Bank

Caribbean Financial Action Task Force

Eastern and Southern Africa Anti-Money-Laundering Group

Economic Community of West African States

Egmont Group

Europol

Financial Action Task Force

Financial Action Task Force for South America

Georgia, Ukraine, Azerbaijan, Republic of Moldova Group

Gulf Cooperation Council

International Association of Insurance Supervisors

International Bar Association

International Peace Academy

International Organization of Securities Commissions

Islamic Development Bank

North Atlantic Treaty Organization

Offshore Group of Banking Supervisors

Shanghai Cooperation Organization

South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation

Southern African Development Community

South-East European Cooperation Process

South European Cooperation Initiative

World Customs Organization

III. Specialized agencies/United Nations funds and programmes

International Atomic Energy Agency

International Civil Aviation Organization

International Monetary Fund

International Maritime Organization

Office on Drugs and Crime

– Global Programme on Terrorism

– Global Programme against Money Laundering

Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons

International Telecommunication Union

Universal Postal Union

United Nations Development Programme

United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute

United Nations Children's Fund

World Bank

World Health Organization

IV. Secretariat departments

Department for Disarmament Affairs

Department of Public Information

Department of Political Affairs

Office of Legal Affairs